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SUBJECT: THE "CHALLENGE OF ENERGY" CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: AMERICAN SPEAKERS AT MARCH 1-3 CONFERENCE
ON ENERGY CHALLENGE ORGANIZED BY USIS MUNICH IMPRESSED
100 GERMAN PARTICIPANTS WITH THE SCOPE AND PROGRESS OF
AMERICAN EFFORT IN THIS FIELD. WEEKEND SESSIONS AT
TUTZING ACADEMY PROVIDED DR. GORMAN SMITH OF AEC THE
OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERLINE DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND TO PRESENT REASONS WHY AMERICAN EVENTUAL
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SELF-SUFFICIENCY WILL BENEFIT EUROPEAN ALLIES. GERMAN

OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN ORGANIZATION OF THE FRG EFFORT TO COPE WITH ENERGY PROBLEMS ASKED FOR SOONEST AVAILABLE MANUSCRIPT COPY OF THE FORTHCOMING SCIENTIFIC REPORT BY SPEAKER DR. WILLIAM CHERRY OF GODDARD SPACEFLIGHT CENTER SO FRG PLANNING CAN TAKE FINDINGS INTO CONSIDERATION. SUBSTANTIVE TRANS-ATLANTIC ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE WITH WILLIAM JOHNSON OF FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE WAS SUCCESSFUL DESPITE SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TOPICALITY OF THE THEME ATTRACTED UNUSUALLY WELL-QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS TO THE WEEKEND CONFERENCE, INCLUDING FEDERAL AND BAVARIAN STATE OFFICIALS, SCIENTISTS, ACADEMICS, BUSINESSMEN AND IA REPRESENTATIVES. MINISTERIALDIREKTOR ULF LANTZKE, CHIEF OF THE ENERGY SECTION OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC MINISTRY, AND PROFESSOR HANS K. SCHNEIDER OF THE ENERGY INSTITUTE, COLOGNE UNIVERSITY, SPOKE ON THE FRG'S ENERGY POLICIES AND ITS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FOR GERMANY, RESPECTIVELY. BOTH BROUGHT SPECIAL CURRENT EXPERTISE BECAUSE OF THEIR RECENT ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCES IN WASHINGTON.

3. RECENTLY ARRIVED MUNICH CONSUL GENERAL HERBERT SPIVACK GAVE A SHORT OPENING ADDRESS AND CONDUCTED THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE WITH DR. JOHNSON. THERE WAS HIGH AUDIENCE INTEREST IN QUESTIONING DR. JOHNSON. REGRETTABLY THE QUALITY OF THE TELEPHONE LINE, ADEQUATE FOR UNDERSTANDING BY MOST ENGLISH-SPEAKING LISTENERS, PREVENTED SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS FROM RENDERING ANSWERS IN GERMAN AS HE GAVE THEM. AFTER AWARDS DR. GORMAN SMITH GAVE A DETAILED AND CONCISE SUMMARY OF THE Q AND A WITH JOHNSON WHICH WAS INTERPRETED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. CONFERENCE MARKED FIRST USE OF NEW USIS GERMANY PORTABLE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT. PROBLEM NOTED WAS ONLY HITCH AND ONE WE ARE WORKING TO ELIMINATE.

4. DR. SMITH'S OWN FACT-FILLED PRESENTATION DETAILING AMERICAN EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ENERGY FIELD MADE A DEEP IMPACT. ALLOWING FOR THE FACT THAT THE QUOTE HOME TEAM UNQUOTE, I.E., THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, TENDS TO TAKE THE BRUNT OF CRITICISM AT SUCH CONFERENCES, IT WAS NEVERTHELESS SIGNIFICANT THAT PARTICIPANTS IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE FRG PROGRAM DOES NOT YET COMPARE WITH THE SERIOUS AND COMPREHENSIVE USA EFFORT. INTERESTINGLY, CRITICS OF U.S. POLICIES, PARTICULARLY AMERICAN DETER-

MINATION TO OBTAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ENERGY, WERE LED BY PROFESSOR KLAUS MEYER-ABICH, PHILOSOPHER-SCIENTIST WHO SERVES ON VARIOUS FRG ENERGY PLANNING COMMITTEES AND ADVISED US IN PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE. HE STOUTLY MAINTAINED THAT SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS EQUIVALENT TO AUTARKY AND IS A DANGEROUSLY OUTMODED CONCEPT. HE SUGGESTED A VAGUE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY SHARING WITH DECISIONS MADE BY AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

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5. DR. SMITH REBUTTED BY OUTLINING THE NEED TO ALLOW THE MARKET PLACE TO EXERT ITS CONTROL, EXCEPT WHERE POLITICAL OR SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRED GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED RESTRAINTS. PROFESSOR SCHNEIDER THE NEXT DAY IN HIS TALK ECHOED DR. SMITH, IN ESSENCE, AS DID MINISTER-IALDIREKTOR HANS HEITZER OF THE BAVARIAN ECONOMIC MINISTRY; NEITHER WAS AWARE OF THE PREVIOUS SHARP EXCHANGE. SOME DOUBTS ABOUT SELF-SUFFICIENCY REMAIN AND WERE REFLECTED IN MEDIA REPORTS. AIRING OF SUCH DIFFERING PERCEPTIONS OF COMMON PROBLEMS IS OF COURSE ONE OF GREATEST ADVANTAGES FLOWING FROM PUBLIC DIALOGUE
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SUCH AS THIS.

6. DR. CHERRY IMPRESSED EVERYONE WITH HIS COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE U.S. IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE ALL ITS PROBLEMS IMMEDIATELY BY RESORTING TO NON-FOSSIL FUELS, BUT HIS WELL-ILLUSTRATED TALK GAVE COST AND DEVELOPMENT-TIME ESTIMATES INDICATING THAT RESULTS WILL COME ONLY WHEN PLANNING STARTS NOW.

7. DR. HEITZER AND PROFESSOR MEYER-ABICH REQUESTED SOONEST THE FORTHCOMING UPDATED REPORT DR. CHERRY IS PREPARING SO ITS FINDINGS CAN BE CONSIDERED IN PRESENT FRG PLANNING. PROFESSOR MEYER-ABICH DESERVES SOME CREDIT FOR THE IMPACT OF DR. CHERRY'S PRESENTATION; IN HIS PRECEDING TALK HE HAD TAKEN THE POSITION THAT ALL CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, SOLAR ENERGY IS THE BEST LONG-TERM ENERGY SOLUTION FOR MANKIND. DR. CHERRY THEN SHOWED THAT ECONOMICALLY VIABLE SOLAR ENERGY POSSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY FOR INDIVIDUAL, RELATIVELY SMALL-SCALE HEATING AND COOLING UNITS, COULD HELP EASE ENERGY SHORTAGE IN NEAR FUTURE.

8. IMPACT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE EXTENDED BY MEDIA COVERAGE, INCLUDING ARTICLES IN THE NATIONAL DAILY SUEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG AND MUENCHNER MERKUR, AS WELL AS SPECIALIZED ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC MAGAZINES. SEVEN RADIO BROADCASTS ARE PLANNED BY BAVARIAN RADIO (WHICH TAPED THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS), WESTDEUTSCHE RUNDFUNK AND DEUTSCHLANDFUNK.

9. USIS-BONN PROVIDED BACKSTOPPING RELATING TO U.S. PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING OBTAINING AMERICAN SPEAKERS THROUGH THE AGENCY, TECHNICAL FACILITIES AND SPECIALLY PREPARED GERMAN-LANGUAGE ENERGY PACKET WHICH INCLUDED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH, THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE, DOCUMENTATION ON THE U.S. STAND

ON ENERGY ISSUES, AND BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AMERIKA HAUS BOOK
HOLDINGS ON ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES. USIS MUNICH TOOK
THE LEAD IN ORGANIZATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE CONFER-
ENCE, WITH EMPHASIS ON GAINING TOP-LEVEL AUDIENCE
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PARTICIPATION AND MEDIA FOLLOW-ON TO ASSURE GREATEST
POSSIBLE IMPACT.

10. THE CONFERENCE WAS THUS A TEAM EFFORT, BUT IT WAS
THE PRESENCE OF DRS. SMITH AND CHERRY AND THE ED WITH
DR. JOHNSON WHICH MADE THIS PROBABLY THE BEST CONFERENCE
IN THE 17 YEARS OF USIS CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH THE POLITICAL
ACADEMY AT TUTZING. THE POST GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL
ELEMENTS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO ITS SUCCESS.
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